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SUBJECT: CHINA STAYS OUT OF THAI-CAMBODIAN DISPUTE

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1. CHINA HAS FAILED TO GIVE EVEN MINIMAL PUBLIC SUPPORT TO CAMBODIA REGARDING THE LATTER'S DISPUTE WITH THAILAND OVER BORDER TRANSGRESSIONS IN LATE JANUARY. BY CONTRAST, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTRY FEBRUARY 10 HAD NO PROBLEM VOICING "STRONG SUPPORT" FOR CAMBODIA'S FEBRUARY 4 STATEMENT DENOUNCING THAILAND'S "ARMED PROVOCATION AND ENCROACHMENTS".

2. THE CHINESE USUALLY REFRAIN FROM TAKING SIDES IN A DISPUTE

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WHEN THEY ARE INTRESTED IN MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS WITH BOTH COUNTRIES INVOLVED. IT THEREFORE APPEARS THAT THE PRC VALUES ITS RELTAIONS WITH THE THAI GOVERNMENT ENOUGH THAT IT PREFERS TO REMAIN SILENT ON THE THAI-CAMBODIAN QUARREL RAHTER THAN LEND SUPPORT TO ITS ONLY "ALLY" AMONGST THE STATES OF INDOCHINA. WHILE CERTAINLY ONLY A BACK-HANDED REASSURANCE TO THE THAIS, WE NONETHLESS INTERPRET THE CHINESE SILANCE AS A

SIGN OF CONTINUED PRC "NEUTRALITY" IN DISPUTES BETWEEN THE
COMMUNIST AND NON-COMMUNIST STATES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. WE
WOULD ALSO SPECULATE THAT PART OF CHINA'S SILENCE IS RELATED
TO DISAPPROVAL OF THE CAMBODIAN MASSACRES AND ESPECIALLY OF
THE RESULTANT BAD PRESS RECEIVED.

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